

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 11-14, 16, and 18-47 are pending in the application as a result of the amendment of May 31, 2005. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of the application in view of the amendments and remarks below.

The Amendments to the Claims

Without prejudice to the Applicants' rights to present claims of equal scope in a timely filed continuing application, to expedite prosecution and issuance of the application, the Applicants have amended Claims 11-14, 18, 23, 24, and 31-33 to correct dependency and for minor formal inconsistencies and typographical/clerical errors. In addition the recitation regarding peak plasma drug concentration has been removed from Claim 14. The amended claims are supported by the specification as set forth in the amendment of May 31, 2005. In particular, amended Claim 14 is support by the specification at, e.g., paragraphs 0005, 0027, 0040, 0043, 0046 and Examples 2-3.

The amendments to the claims do not introduce new matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims put the case in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments to the claims and allow all amended claims.

Conclusion

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful and thorough review of the application and submit that the Examiner's concerns have been addressed by the amendments and remarks above. The Applicants accordingly request the Examiner to withdraw all rejections and allow the application. In the event the Examiner believes a telephonic discussion would expedite allowance or help to resolve outstanding issues, prosecution of the application, then the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-5117, if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or

any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,

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